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In re Application of:

Anthony D. Cristillo et al

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 MUTANT VIRAL NUCLEIC ACIDS AND VACCINE CONTAINING SAME

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication dated January 9, 2008, please reconsider the following application in light of the following comments.